

GOOD

DOES

**MAKE
SENSE?**

**REASONS
FOR
OUR
FAITH**



EVERY NATION
CHURCH • PENANG

**OVERVIEW &
PRACTICAL
JUSTIFICATIONS**

**EMPIRICAL
JUSTIFICATIONS**

**EXPERIENTIAL
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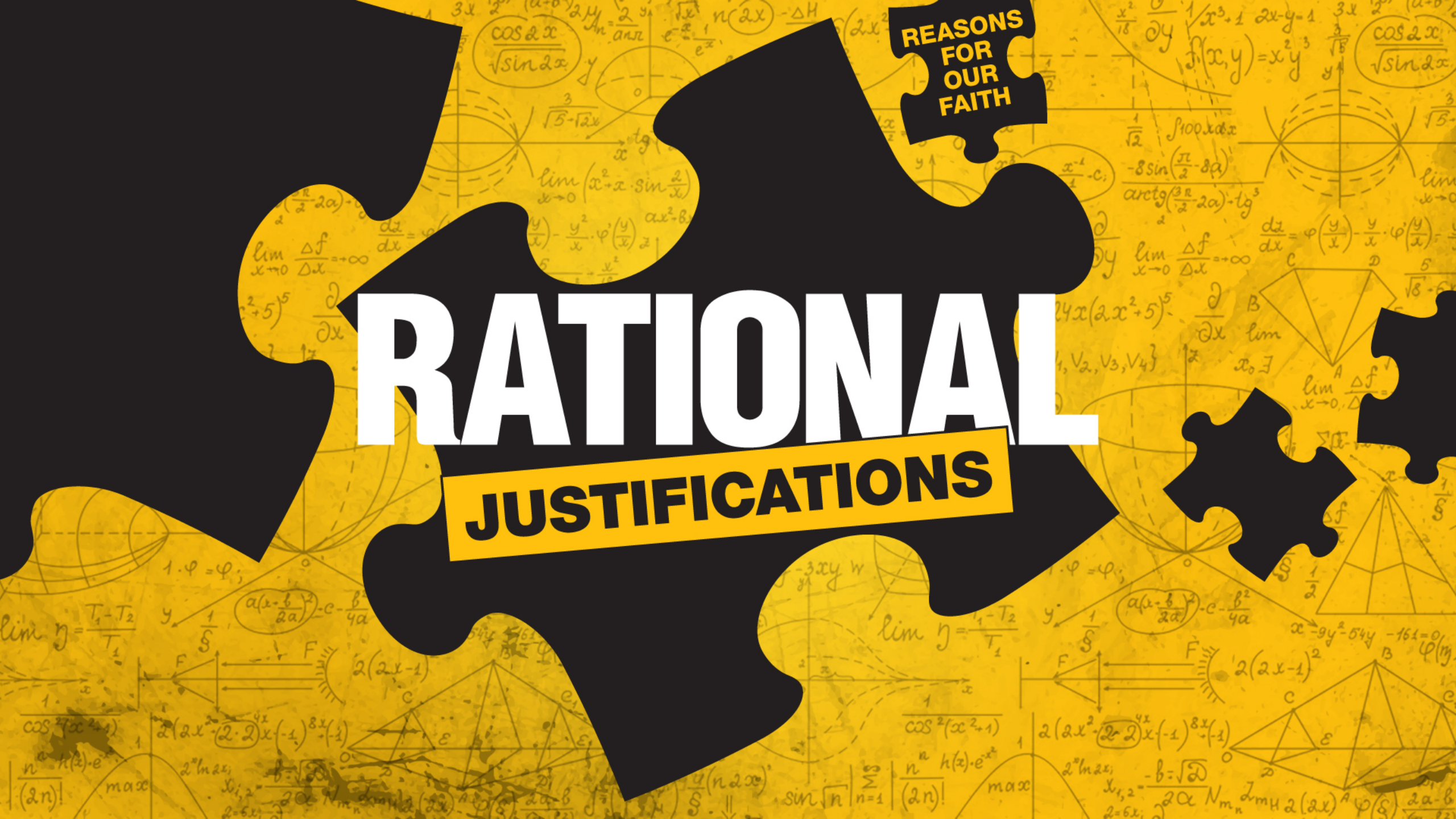
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The background of the image is a dense, repeating pattern of mathematical content on aged, yellowed paper. It includes various types of mathematical expressions and diagrams:
 - Algebraic equations like $f(x,y) = x^2y^3$, $y = \tan x$, and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^3 - x^2 \sin^2 x}{x}$.
 - Trigonometric formulas such as $\frac{\cos 2x}{\sqrt{\sin 2x}}$, $\int \cos x dx$, and $\arctg(\frac{3\pi}{2} - 2\alpha) - \lg^3$.
 - Calculus concepts including partial derivatives $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta f}{\Delta x} \rightarrow \infty$ and $\frac{dz}{dx} = \varphi(\frac{y}{x}) - \frac{y}{x} \cdot \varphi'(\frac{y}{x}) - \frac{y^2}{x} \cdot \varphi''(\frac{y}{x})$.
 - Geometric diagrams showing circles, spheres, and triangles with various labels and dimensions.
 - Limits and series notations like $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n-1)^2}{2n}$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin \sqrt{n}}{(2n)!}$.
 - Other mathematical symbols and constants such as π , e , and $\sqrt{5}$.

BLIND FAITH OR REASONABLE FAITH?



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Romans 1:16-20 ESV



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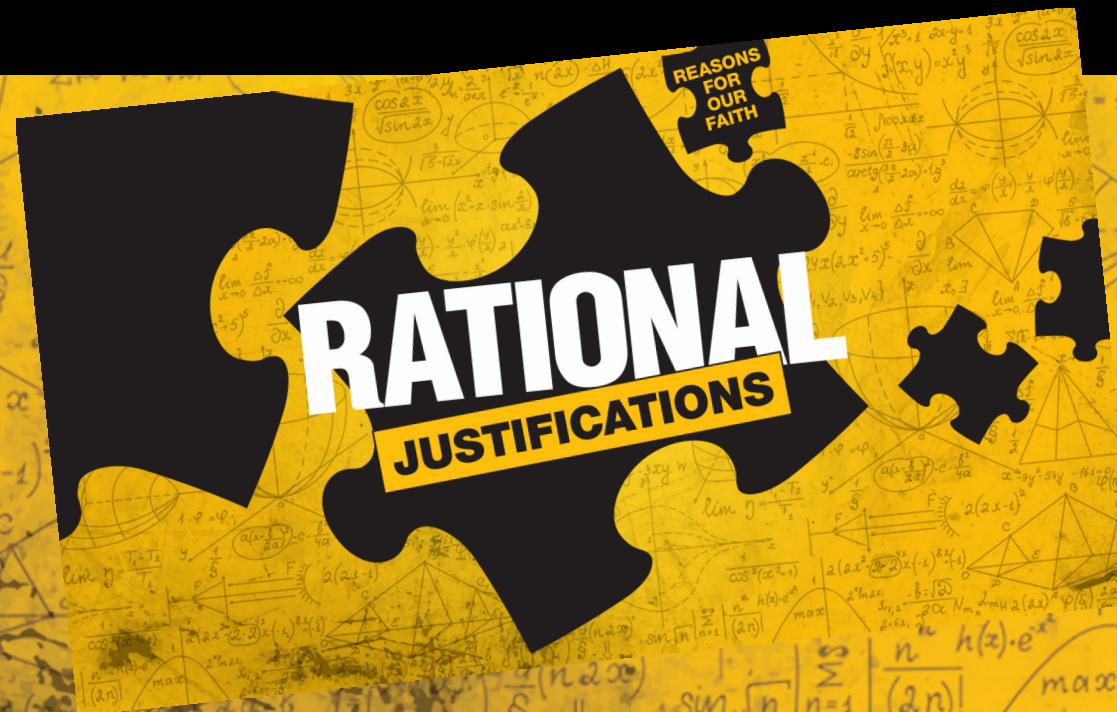
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WHY YOU BELIEVE WHAT YOU BELIEVE







**#1 | THERE ARE
PLENTY OF
REASONS TO
BELIEVE**

**#2 | OUR FAITH
IN CHRIST IS
REASONABLE**



NATURAL THEOLOGY

THE COSMOLOGICAL ARGUMENT

- ... **argues** that the existence of God by looking at the **existence of the universe** itself. It says that the universe **couldn't** have just popped into existence by itself—it must have a **cause** or a **reason** behind it. Theologically, this argument points to **God** as the cause or reason for everything that exists. there is a first cause or necessary being—God.

#1



THE COSMOLOGICAL ARGUMENT

- **Everything** has a Beginning or a Cause;
- The **Universe** must have a Cause;
- **There can't be** an infinite Chain of Causes;
- **The First Cause** is understood as the God.

THE TELEOLOGICAL ARGUMENT

- ... **argues** that when we **look** at the world and the universe, we **see** so much **order, purpose, and complexity** that it points to a **designer**—and that designer is **God**. Theologically, this argument suggests that everything has been **carefully created and designed by God** for a reason.

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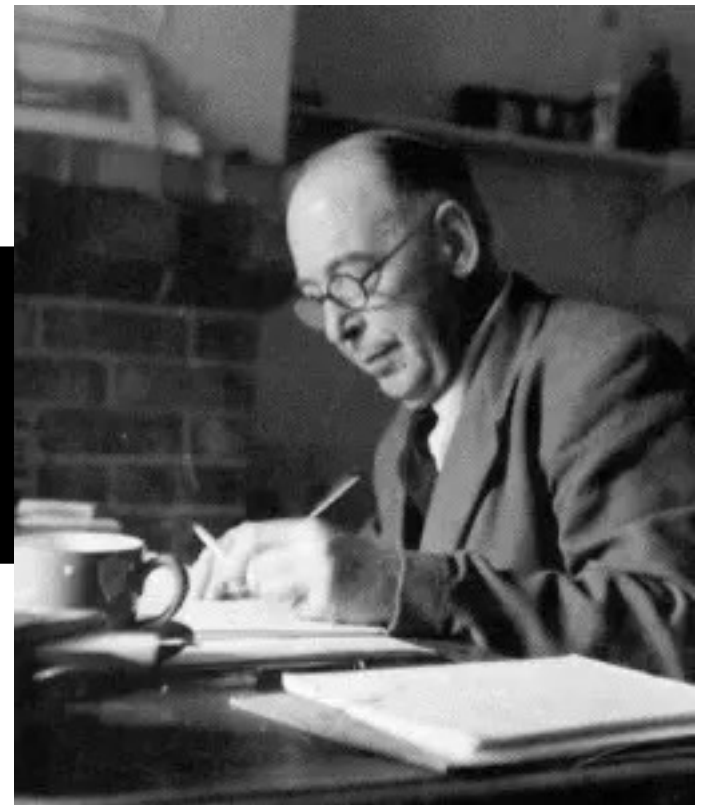
- Things That Are **Designed** Have a Designer;
- The Universe **Shows** Purpose and Order;
- **Chance Can't** Explain the Complexity;
- **GOD AS THE DESIGNER**

THE MORAL ARGUMENT

- ... says that **because** we all have a sense of **right and wrong**—a moral **code** that guides our actions—this points to the existence of a **moral lawgiver**, who is **God**.

#3

THE MORAL ARGUMENT



- ...C.S. Lewis argued that the universal sense of right and wrong **points to** a moral lawgiver. If objective moral values exist, then there must be a transcendent standard (God) by which they are measured.

THE MORAL ARGUMENT

- We All **Know** Right From Wrong ;
- **Where** Does This Moral Code Come From;
- There **Must Be** A Moral **LawGiver**;
- Therefore Morality **Points To** God's Existence

#3

THE JUSTICE & MERCY ARGUMENT

- ... says that How can God be **both** Just (Fair) and Merciful (Forgiving) all at the Same Time?
- This question is a **central conundrum** in understanding **God's character** being **just** and **merciful**. Because justice and grace seem to be opposite principles.

#4

THE JUSTICE & MERCY ARGUMENT



- What is **God's Justice**?
- What is **God's Mercy**?
- **The Cross** :Where Justice and Grace meet;
- **The Perfect Balance** of Justice and Grace

**BUT OUR FAITH IN
CHRIST IS A
RELATIONSHIP**

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29 Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your **heart** and with all your **soul** and with all your **mind** and with all your **strength**.’ 31 The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Mark 12:29-31 ESV



HOW SHOULD WE **LOVE** JESUS THEN?



Intellect



Affection

Emotion



Will





APPLICATION :

Group Discussion

1-**If** someone would ask you, **what** is the **most compelling reason** for you in your personal belief in God?

2-As to “**heart, soul, mind and strength,**” **how** would you want to love/worship/serve Jesus differently from now?